

regular election for members of the general assembly. He shall hold his office for two years, commencing on the second Wednesday in January next ensuing his election, and shall receive an annual salary of twenty-five hundred dollars; but shall not be allowed, nor shall he receive any fees, commissions or perquisites of any kind, in addition thereto, for the performance of any official duty or service. He shall keep his office at the seat of government, and shall take such oath, and enter into such bond, for the faithful performance of his duty, as are now or may hereafter be prescribed by law. A vacancy in the office of comptroller, shall be filled by the governor for the residue of the term. The first election for comptroller under this constitution, shall be held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in the month of November, in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-four, but the comptroller then elected shall not enter upon the discharge of the duties of his office, until the expiration of the term of the present incumbent, unless the said office shall sooner become vacant.

Sec. 3. The comptroller shall have the general superintendence of the fiscal affairs of the State; he shall digest and prepare plans for the improvement and management of the revenue, and for the support of the public credit; prepare and report estimates of the revenue and expenditure of the State; superintend and enforce the collection of all taxes and revenue; adjust, settle and preserve all public accounts; decide on the forms of keeping and stating accounts; grant, under regulations prescribed by law, all warrants for moneys to be paid out of the treasury, in pursuance of appropriations by law; prescribe the formalities of the transfer of stock or other evidences of the State debt, and countersign the same, without which such evidences shall not be valid; he shall make full reports of all his proceedings, and of the state of the treasury department within ten days after the commencement of each session of the general assembly, and perform such other duties as are now or may hereafter be prescribed by law.

Sec. 4. The treasurer shall be elected on joint ballot by the two houses of the general assembly at each regular session thereof.— He shall hold his office for two years, and shall receive an annual salary of twenty-five hundred dollars, but shall not be allowed, nor shall he receive any fees, commissions, or perquisites of any kind in addition thereto, for the performance of any official duty or service. He shall keep his office at the seat of government, and shall take such oath and enter into such bond for the faithful discharge of his duty as are now or may hereafter be prescribed by law. A vacancy in the office of treasurer shall be filled by the governor for the residue of the term. The general assembly at its first session after the adoption of

this constitution shall elect a treasurer, but the treasurer then elected, shall not enter upon the discharge of the duties of his office until the expiration of the term of the present incumbent, unless the said office shall sooner become vacant.

Sec. 5. The treasurer shall receive and keep the moneys of the State, and disburse the same upon warrants drawn by the comptroller and not otherwise; he shall take receipts for all moneys paid by him, and all receipts for moneys received by him shall be indorsed upon warrants signed by the comptroller, without which warrant, so signed, no acknowledgment of money received into the treasury shall be valid; and upon warrants issued by the comptroller, he shall make arrangements for the payment of the interest of the public debt, and for the purchase thereof, on account of the sinking fund. Every bond, certificate or other evidence of the debt of the State shall be signed by the treasurer and countersigned by the comptroller, and no new certificate or other evidence intended to replace another shall be issued until the old one shall be delivered to the treasurer, and authority executed in due form for the transfer of the same shall be filed in his office, and the transfer accordingly made on the books thereof, and the certificate or other evidence cancelled; but the general assembly may make provision for the loss of certificates or other evidence of the debt.

Sec. 6. The treasurer shall render his accounts quarterly to the comptroller, and on the third day of each regular session of the general assembly he shall submit to the senate and house of delegates fair and accurate copies of all accounts by him from time to time rendered and settled with the comptroller. He shall at all times submit to the comptroller the inspection of the moneys in his hands, and perform all other duties that are now or may hereafter be prescribed by law.

ARTICLE VII.

SUNDRY OFFICERS.

Section 1. The governor, the comptroller of the treasury and the treasurer shall constitute the board of public works in this State; they shall keep a journal of their proceedings, and shall hold regular sessions in the city of Annapolis, on the first Wednesday in January, April, July and October in each year, and oftener if necessary, at which sessions they shall hear and determine such matters as affect the public works of the State, and as the general assembly may confer upon them the power to decide.

Sec. 2. They shall exercise a diligent and faithful pervision of all public works in which the State may be interested as stockholder or creditor, and shall appoint the directors in every railroad or canal company in which the State has the legal power to ap.